

1. (Twice Amended) A substantially ceresin-free lipstick composition comprising:

(a) 3-25 mass % of a blend of polyethylene wax having an average molecular weight 300-700 and microcrystalline wax; and

(b) 0.1-50 mass % of one, two or more liquid oils having one -OH group in the structure, wherein polyethylene wax and microcrystalline wax are blended in a mass ratio of 6:4 - 9:1.

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Kindly add new claims 5, 6 and 7 as follows:

5. A method for retaining the shape of a substantially ceresin-free lipstick composition comprising blending therein:

(a) 3-25 mass % of a blend of [one, two or more] polyethylene [waxes (] wax having an average molecular weight 300-700[)] and microcrystalline wax; and

(b) 0.1-50 mass % of one, two or more liquid oils having one -OH group in the structure, wherein polyethylene wax and microcrystalline wax are blended in a mass ratio of 6:4 - 9:1.

6. The method of claim 5, wherein (b) is one or more selected from the group consisting of glyceryl diisostearate, diglyceryl triisostearate, and isostearyl oxystearate.

7. A substantially ceresin-free lipstick composition comprising:

(a) 3-25 mass % of a blend of polyethylene wax having an average molecular weight 300-700 and microcrystalline wax; and

(b) 0.1-50 mass % of one, two or more liquid oils having one -OH

group in the structure.